



Structure sheaves of definable additive categories

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ABSTRACT

We prove that the 2-category of small abelian categories with exact functors is anti-equivalent to the 2-category of definable additive categories. We define and compare sheaves of localisations associated to the objects of these categories. We investigate the natural image of the free abelian category over a ring in the module category over that ring and use this to describe a basis for the Ziegler topology on injectives; the last can be viewed model-theoretically as an elimination of imaginaries result.

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1. Introduction

A full subcategory of the category of modules over a ring is said to be definable if it is closed under direct products, direct limits and pure submodules. More generally we make the same definition for subcategories of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$, the category of additive contravariant functors from a skeletally small preadditive category \mathcal{R} to the category **Ab** of abelian groups. Such definable categories are precisely the exactly definable categories of [16]: those equivalent to one of the form $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$ where \mathcal{A} is a skeletally small abelian category and where $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B})$ denotes the category of exact additive functors from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{B} .

We prove, 2.3, that the 2-category with objects the small abelian categories and arrows the exact functors between them is opposite to the 2-category whose objects are the definable additive categories and whose arrows are the functors which preserve direct products and direct limits. In each case the 2-arrows are the natural transformations. This is an additive analogue of the kinds of 2-equivalences seen in [21, 12]. Also, following a suggestion of the referee, we point out how the 2-category of locally coherent Grothendieck categories equipped with appropriate arrows fits into this picture.

On objects, the above anti-equivalence of 2-categories takes a small abelian category \mathcal{A} to $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$ (sometimes it is more convenient first to apply the equivalence $\mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}$) and takes a definable category to its “(finitely presented) functor category”, $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$. This functor category may be defined in a number of equivalent ways, most directly as the category of those additive functors from \mathcal{D} to **Ab** which commute with direct products and direct limits [26, Sections 11, 12].

Let $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ denote the set of isomorphism types of indecomposable pure-injective objects of a definable category \mathcal{D} . This set may be equipped with the rep-Zariski topology, $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$, by declaring that the sets $[F] = \{N \in \text{pinj}(\mathcal{D}) : FN = 0\}$, for $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$, form a basis of open sets.

Over this space there is a sheaf of categories: to a basic open set $[F]$ as above is associated the localisation of $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ at the Serre subcategory generated by F . This presheaf-over-a-basis, denoted by $\text{Def}(\mathcal{D})$, is separated, hence embeds in its sheafification, which we denote as $\text{LDef}(\mathcal{D})$. We identify the stalks of this sheaf (3.3 and the comments following that). We also show that the relation between a definable category and its elementary dual, a relation which generalises that between $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}\text{-Mod}$, extends to this “categorised locale”, 3.4. Furthermore, any functor between definable categories which preserves direct products and direct limits induces a morphism of categorised locales, 4.1.

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We could treat the above presheaf-on-a-basis as a fibred category and then replace the sheafification process by the formation of the associated stack. For some purposes moving to this more general context may be unavoidable but, at least initially, we have enough control over the restriction functors to make this unnecessary.

Any locally coherent abelian category \mathcal{C} is definable. Let $\text{inj}(\mathcal{C})$ denote the set of isomorphism types of indecomposable injective objects of such a, necessarily Grothendieck [4, 2.4], category \mathcal{C} . One may define the Gabriel–Zariski topology on $\text{inj}(\mathcal{C})$ by declaring, for A running over the category \mathcal{C}^{fp} , the $[A] = \{E \in \text{inj}(\mathcal{C}) : (A, E) = 0\}$ to form a basis of open sets; here \mathcal{C}^{fp} denotes the full subcategory of finitely presented objects of \mathcal{C} . Again there is a presheaf, $\text{FT}(\mathcal{C})$, of categories, obtained by associating to $[A]$ the localisation of \mathcal{C}^{fp} at the hereditary torsion theory generated by A , equivalently the quotient of \mathcal{C}^{fp} by the Serre subcategory generated by A . We prove that this is a restriction, both of base and of sections, of the presheaf over $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{C})$ defined above, 5.1.

We recall ([9], see [13,27]) that the full subcategory, $\text{Pinj}(\mathcal{D})$, of all pure-injective objects of a definable category \mathcal{D} is equivalent to the category of injective objects of the associated, locally coherent, functor category, $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D})$ (we write $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}) = (\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}))^{\text{fp}}$), and the Gabriel–Zariski topology on $\text{inj}(\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}))$ induces a topology which coincides with the rep-Zariski topology on $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ (see [27, 14.1.7]). This also induces an equivalence of “categorised spaces” between the sheafification of $\text{FT}(\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}))$ and $\text{LDef}(\mathcal{D})$ (this is direct from [27, 12.3.20]). Theorem 5.1 in a sense complements this, restricting the rep-Zariski topology on $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ to $\text{inj}(\mathcal{D})$ in the case that \mathcal{D} is abelian and locally coherent.

In the case that \mathcal{D} is a module category, $\text{Mod-}R$, over a right coherent ring, it makes sense to look at that part of the sheaf which corresponds to “localisations” of R and, in this case, 5.1 implies that the presheaf of definable scalars restricted to inj_R (meaning $\text{inj}(\text{Mod-}R)$) coincides with that of finite type torsion-theoretic localisations of R (see [27, 6.1.17]). In this, fifth, section we also show how this contains the classical duality between noetherian commutative rings and affine varieties. In particular we show that a commutative ring may be recovered from the finitely presented functor category of its module category, 5.2.

For any ring R the finitely presented functor category $\text{fun-}R$, that is $\text{fun}(\text{Mod-}R)$, also has a realisation as the free abelian category $\text{Ab}(R^{\text{op}})$ of R^{op} , and evaluation at R is an exact functor from this to the category of R -modules. If R is right coherent then the image of this functor is the category of finitely presented modules. We identify the image of this functor from $\text{Ab}(R)$ to $\text{Mod-}R$ in the general case: as the, non-full, subcategory of modules which occur as the kernel of a morphism between finitely presented modules, 6.4.

The Ziegler topology on $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$, where \mathcal{D} is a definable category, and the rep-Zariski topology are “dual”. In the final section we describe, for any ring R , a simple basis for the restriction of the Ziegler topology to the set, inj_R of isomorphism types of indecomposable injective R -modules, 7.3, 7.5. Model-theoretically, this is an elimination of imaginaries result.

We assume some acquaintance with the relevant background. Much of this can be found in [26], or [27], which we will often use as references in favour of the original sources. A great deal of the relevant background can be found also in [13,11,18].

2. Definable additive categories

Suppose that \mathcal{D} is a **definable** subcategory of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R} = (\mathcal{R}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ where \mathcal{R} is a skeletally small preadditive category: that is, \mathcal{D} is a full subcategory closed under arbitrary products, direct limits and pure submodules. Recall that an embedding $f : M \rightarrow N$ is **pure** if for every $L \in \mathcal{R}\text{-Mod}$ the morphism $f \otimes 1_L : M \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} L \rightarrow N \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} L$ is monic; there are various equivalents, see, e.g., [26, 5.2]. Denote by $\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R} = \text{Fun}(\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R})$ the category, $(\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{Ab})$, of additive functors from the category, $\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}$, of finitely presented right \mathcal{R} -modules to \mathbf{Ab} . Also set $\text{fun-}\mathcal{R} = (\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R})^{\text{fp}}$ where, for any category \mathcal{C} we denote by \mathcal{C}^{fp} the full subcategory of finitely presented objects. Recall that an object C is **finitely presented** if the representable functor $(C, -) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ commutes with direct limits.

Every functor F in $\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R}$ has a unique extension to a functor, \overrightarrow{F} , which is defined on all of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ and commutes with direct limits: for the definition just use that every module is a direct limit of finitely presented modules and check well-definedness. Indeed, $F \mapsto \overrightarrow{F}$ is the definition on objects of the left adjoint of the functor which restricts each additive functor $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ to $\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}$. Usually we will identify F and \overrightarrow{F} notationally and write FM for the value of \overrightarrow{F} at $M \in \text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$.

Set $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}} = \{F \in \text{fun-}\mathcal{R} : FD = 0\}$ (that is, $\overrightarrow{F}D = 0$ for every $D \in \mathcal{D}$). This is a Serre subcategory of $\text{fun-}\mathcal{R}$ and every Serre subcategory of $\text{fun-}\mathcal{R}$ arises in this way. The condition that a subcategory \mathcal{S} of an abelian category \mathcal{C} be **Serre** is that if $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence in \mathcal{C} then $B \in \mathcal{S}$ iff $A, C \in \mathcal{S}$. The hereditary torsion theory on $\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R}$ whose torsion class is generated by $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$ is of finite type and is denoted by $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$. Every finite type torsion theory on the functor category arises in this way (we can take this – the torsion class being generated as such by the finitely presented torsion objects – as the definition of finite type; for background on torsion theories see, for instance, [34], [18] or [27]). We set $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}) = (\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R})_{\tau_{\mathcal{D}}}$, the localisation of $\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R}$ at $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$. Since $\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R}$ is locally coherent and $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$ is of finite type the localisation $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D})$ also is locally coherent, so its subcategory $(\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D}))^{\text{fp}} = ((\text{Fun-}\mathcal{R})^{\text{fp}})_{\tau_{\mathcal{D}}} = (\text{fun-}\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$ is abelian and is denoted by $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$. We refer to the latter as the “(finitely presented) functor category of \mathcal{D} ”. For all this, see [11,18,27] Although the definition of $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ is given in terms of a representation of the abstract category \mathcal{D} as a definable subcategory of a particular module category, it is the case, see [26, 12.2, 12.10], that this functor category depends only on \mathcal{D} as a category. Evaluation of objects of $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ at objects of \mathcal{D} is, by definition of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$, well-defined since $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}) \simeq \text{fun-}\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$.

The next result is due, in varying degrees of generality, to Herzog, Crawley-Boevey, Krause, see [26, 10.8, 10.9] or [27, 18.1.4]. It may be obtained also from a theorem of Makkai, [21, 5.1, Section 6] (also see [31, 4.4]), though that is by a very different route.

Theorem 2.1. *Let \mathcal{D} be a definable subcategory of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$. Then evaluation defines an equivalence of categories $\mathcal{D} \simeq \text{Ex}(\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}), \mathbf{Ab})$.*

Given \mathcal{D} , the equivalence $\mathcal{D} \simeq \text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Ab})$ determines the abelian category \mathcal{B} up to natural equivalence as the functor category of \mathcal{D}). Suppose also that $\mathcal{C} \simeq \text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$. An exact functor $E : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ induces, by composition, a functor $E^* : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ which, one may check, commutes with direct products and direct limits. The converse also holds, and follows from the next result, due to Krause [16, 7.2] in the case that \mathcal{C} is finitely accessible and Prest [26, 11.2, 12.10] in general.

Theorem 2.2. *Suppose that $\mathcal{D} \simeq \text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Ab})$ is a definable category. Then $\mathcal{B} \simeq \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ is equivalent to the category $(\mathcal{D}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\Pi \rightarrow}$, of functors on \mathcal{D} which commute with direct products and direct limits.*

This can also be obtained, again through a very different route, from a rather general theorem, namely Hu's [12, 5.10(ii)].

It follows that any functor $I : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ which commutes with direct products and direct limits induces, by composition, a functor $I_0 : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ which, one may check, is exact. Furthermore, $(E^*)_0 \simeq E$ and $(I_0)^* \simeq I$. Indeed, one has an equivalence between the category \mathbf{DEF} whose objects are definable additive categories and whose morphisms are those which preserve direct products and direct limits, and the category \mathbf{ABEX} of skeletally small abelian categories and exact functors. We show that this is, in fact, a duality of 2-categories (and, in the process, give some more details of what we have referred to above).

Theorem 2.3. *The assignments $\mathcal{D} \mapsto \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ and $\mathcal{A} \mapsto \text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$ on objects, $I \mapsto I_0$ and $E \mapsto E^*$ on functors, extend to inverse natural anti-equivalences of the 2-categories \mathbf{DEF} and \mathbf{ABEX} .*

Proof. The 2-category structure on each category is the usual one, with natural transformations being the 2-arrows.

Note, for reference, that if $I : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a functor between definable categories \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} which preserves direct products and direct limits then $I_0 : \text{fun}(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{fun}(\mathcal{C})$ is defined as follows. On an object $G \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ (that is, G is a functor from \mathcal{D} to \mathbf{Ab} which commutes with direct products and direct limits) the functor $I_0 G \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{C}) = (\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\Pi \rightarrow}$ is defined on objects by $I_0 G.C = G.I.C$ for $C \in \mathcal{C}$, and $I_0 G.f = G.I.f$. Furthermore, if $\tau : G \rightarrow G'$ is a natural transformation in $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ then $I_0 \tau : I_0 G \rightarrow I_0 G'$ has component at $C \in \mathcal{C}$ defined by $(I_0 \tau)_C = \tau_{I.C}$.

So suppose that $\eta : I \rightarrow J$ is a natural transformation between $I, J : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ in \mathbf{DEF} : we must define the corresponding natural transformation $\eta' : I_0 \rightarrow J_0$. The component of η' at $G \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ is $\eta'_G : I_0 G \rightarrow J_0 G$ and so we have to define the component of a morphism between functors in $\text{fun}(\mathcal{C})$ at $C \in \mathcal{C}$. That will be a map from $I_0 G.C$ to $J_0 G.C$, that is from $G.I.C$ to $G.J.C$, so we set $(\eta'_G)_C = G\eta_C$. It must be checked that η'_G is a natural transformation.

So let $f : C \rightarrow C'$ be in \mathcal{C} . Then the relevant diagram is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0 G C & \xrightarrow{(\eta'_G)_C} & J_0 G C \\ I_0 G f \downarrow & & \downarrow J_0 G f \\ I_0 G C' & \xrightarrow{(\eta'_G)_{C'}} & J_0 G C' \end{array}$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G I C & \xrightarrow{G \eta_C} & G J C \\ G I f \downarrow & & \downarrow G J f \\ G I C' & \xrightarrow{G \eta_{C'}} & G J C' \end{array}$$

the commutativity of which follows by applying G to the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I C & \xrightarrow{\eta_C} & J C \\ I f \downarrow & & \downarrow J f \\ I C' & \xrightarrow{\eta_{C'}} & J C' \end{array}.$$

Therefore η'_G is a natural transformation. Next we have to check that η' is a natural transformation. So suppose that $\tau : G \rightarrow G'$ is in $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0 G & \xrightarrow{\eta'_G} & J_0 G \\ I_0 \tau \downarrow & & \downarrow J_0 \tau \\ I_0 G' & \xrightarrow{\eta'_{G'}} & J_0 G' \end{array}$$

This is a diagram of natural transformations so, to check that it commutes, it is enough to check at each object $C \in \mathcal{C}$, that is, consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0 G C & \xrightarrow{(\eta'_G)_C} & J_0 G C \\ (I_0 \tau)_C \downarrow & & \downarrow (J_0 \tau)_C \\ I_0 G' C & \xrightarrow{(\eta'_{G'})_C} & J_0 G' C \end{array}$$

which is the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G I C & \xrightarrow{G \eta_C} & G J C \\ \tau_{I C} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau_{J C} \\ G' I C & \xrightarrow{G' \eta_C} & G' J C \end{array}$$

commutativity of which follows since τ is a natural transformation.

Now consider the other direction. Note for reference that if $I_0 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is an exact functor between the (skeletally small) abelian categories \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} then $I_0^* : \mathcal{D} = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C} = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$ is defined as follows. If $D \in \mathcal{D}$ then $I_0^* D$ is defined on objects by $I_0^* D.A = D.I_0 A$ and if $f : A \rightarrow A'$ is in \mathcal{A} then $I_0^* D.f = D.I_0 f$. Furthermore, if $\tau : D \rightarrow D'$ is a natural transformation in $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Ab})$ then the component of $I_0^* \tau$ at $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is given by $(I_0^* \tau)_A = \tau_{I_0 A}$.

Suppose that $\theta : I_0 \rightarrow J_0$ is a natural transformation between $I_0, J_0 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, so at $A \in \mathcal{A}$ we have the component $\theta_A : I_0 A \rightarrow J_0 A$ such that if $f : A \rightarrow A'$ is in \mathcal{A} then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0 A & \xrightarrow{\theta_A} & J_0 A \\ I_0 f \downarrow & & \downarrow J_0 f \\ I_0 A' & \xrightarrow{\theta_{A'}} & J_0 A' \end{array}$$

commutes. We define $\theta^* : I_0^* \rightarrow J_0^*$ by defining its component at $D \in \text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Ab})$, that is $\theta_D^* : I_0^* D \rightarrow J_0^* D$, to be the natural transformation between functors on $\mathcal{A} = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{Ab})$ which has component at $A \in \mathcal{A}$ given by $(\theta_D^*)_A = D\theta_A$; that is $(\theta_D^*)_A : I_0^* D.A \rightarrow J_0^* D.A$ is defined to be $D\theta_A : D I_0 A \rightarrow D J_0 A$. It must be checked that θ_D^* is a natural transformation.

So let $f : A \rightarrow A'$ be in \mathcal{A} . Then the relevant diagram is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0^* D A & \xrightarrow{(\theta_D^*)_A} & J_0^* D A \\ I_0^* D f \downarrow & & \downarrow J_0^* D f \\ I_0^* D A' & \xrightarrow{(\theta_D^*)_{A'}} & J_0^* D A' \end{array}$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D I_0 A & \xrightarrow{D\theta_A} & D J_0 A \\ D I_0 f \downarrow & & \downarrow D J_0 f \\ D I_0 A' & \xrightarrow{D\theta_{A'}} & D J_0 A' \end{array}$$

which is commutative (apply D to the relevant “ θ -diagram”).

Then it has to be checked that θ^* is a natural transformation. So let $\tau : D \rightarrow D'$ be in $\mathcal{D} = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Ab})$. The diagram to be proved commutative is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0^* D & \xrightarrow{\theta_D^*} & J_0^* D \\ I_0^* \tau \downarrow & & \downarrow J_0^* \tau \\ I_0^* D' & \xrightarrow{\theta_{D'}^*} & J_0^* D' \end{array}$$

which at $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_0^* DA & \xrightarrow{(\theta_D^*)_A} & J_0^* DA \\ (I_0^* \tau)_A \downarrow & & \downarrow (J_0^* \tau)_A \\ I_0^* D'A & \xrightarrow{(\theta_{D'}^*)_A} & J_0^* D'A \end{array}$$

that is,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} DI_0 A & \xrightarrow{D\theta_A} & DJ_0 A \\ \tau_{I_0 A} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau_{J_0 A} \\ D'I_0 A & \xrightarrow{D'\theta_A} & D'J_0 A \end{array}$$

which does commute since τ is a natural transformation.

Then we have to show that $((-)_0)^*$ and $((-)^*)_0$ are equivalent to the respective identities. For $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{DEF}$ we define the component of the relevant natural transformation at \mathcal{C} to be the functor $\epsilon_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ex}(\text{fun}(\mathcal{C}), \mathbf{Ab})$ which takes $C \in \mathcal{C}$ to the functor ev_C (evaluation at C) and which has the obvious effect on morphisms $f : C \rightarrow C'$ (namely $(\text{ev}_f)F = Ff$ for $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{C})$). It is a theorem due to Herzog and Krause, see, e.g., [26, 10.8], that this does give an equivalence between \mathcal{C} and $\text{Ex}(\text{fun}(\mathcal{C}), \mathbf{Ab})$. Then it must be checked that if $I : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is in \mathbf{DEF} then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\mathcal{C}}} & \text{Ex}(\text{fun}(\mathcal{C}), \mathbf{Ab}) \\ I \downarrow & & \downarrow (I_0)^* \\ \mathcal{D} & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\mathcal{D}}} & \text{Ex}(\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}), \mathbf{Ab}) \end{array}$$

commutes, that is, that $(I_0)^* \text{ev}_C = \text{ev}_{IC}$. Now, for $B \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ we have $(I_0)^* \text{ev}_C B = \text{ev}_C I_0 B = B(IC) = \text{ev}_{IC} B$ and similarly for morphisms. So these are the components on a natural equivalence between the identity functor on \mathbf{DEF} and the composition $((-)_0)^*$. Similarly for the other way round, bearing in mind that $\mathcal{A} = \text{fun}(\mathcal{C} = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})) = (\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\Pi \rightarrow}$ so that objects of \mathcal{A} may be regarded as functors on $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$ and hence evaluation of these at objects of \mathcal{A} makes sense. Thus the result is proved. \square

The 2-category \mathbf{ABEX} has the obvious involution, defined on objects by taking an abelian category \mathcal{A} to its opposite. It follows from 2.3 that there is a corresponding involution on \mathbf{DEF} : a definable category $\mathcal{D} = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ab})$ is taken to $\mathcal{D}^d = \text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$, its **(elementary) dual**. Other descriptions of, and further information on, this category are given in [26, Sections 9, 10]. In particular, if \mathcal{D} is finitely accessible, hence can be represented as the category, $\text{Flat-}\mathcal{R}$, of flat right \mathcal{R} -modules for some small preadditive category \mathcal{R} then \mathcal{D}^d is equivalent to the category, $\mathcal{R}\text{-Abs}$, of absolutely pure left \mathcal{R} -modules. Now, any definable category \mathcal{D} is a definable subcategory of some finitely accessible category \mathcal{C} and there is a natural bijection between definable subcategories of \mathcal{C} and of \mathcal{C}^d , which takes \mathcal{D} to \mathcal{D}^d . It is also the case that \mathcal{C} may be taken to be a functor category, $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R} = (\mathcal{R}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ for some skeletally small preadditive category \mathcal{R} ; so it makes sense to form the tensor product, $D \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} D'$, over \mathcal{R} , of objects $D \in \mathcal{D}$ and $D' \in \mathcal{D}^d$. Also recall, e.g. [26, 10.12], that the bijection between definable subcategories of \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{C}^d restricts to one between definable subcategories of \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{D}^d and, since the topology on the Ziegler spectrum may be defined in terms of such subcategories (see, e.g., [27, Section 5.1.1]), the rep-Zariski spectrum, $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$, of \mathcal{D} and that of \mathcal{D}^d are isomorphic as locales (“homeomorphic at the level of topology”).

There is a third 2-category which may be interposed between \mathbf{DEF} and \mathbf{ABEX} , namely the 2-category, let us denote it as \mathbf{COH} , whose objects are the locally coherent Grothendieck categories and whose 1-arrows are described below (and with 2-arrows being given by natural transformations as in [20, p. 352] or [15, Vol. 1, pp. 161/2]). Before that, recall [32] that if \mathcal{G} is a locally coherent Grothendieck category then \mathcal{G} is equivalent to the category $\text{Lex}((\mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}})^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ of left exact functors on $(\mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}})^{\text{op}}$, the equivalence being given by $G \in \mathcal{G} \mapsto (-, G) \upharpoonright \mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}$. Furthermore, if \mathcal{A} is skeletally small abelian then the category $\text{Lex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ is locally coherent abelian and \mathcal{A} is equivalent to its category of finitely presented objects.

Suppose that \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} are locally coherent Grothendieck categories. We define a **coherent morphism** from \mathcal{G} to \mathcal{H} to be an adjoint pair (f^*, f_*) of functors with $f^* : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}, f_* : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ such that f^* is left exact (hence exact) and such that f^* preserves finitely presented (= coherent) objects.

Readers familiar with toposes will recognise that this definition is modelled after that of a geometric morphism between toposes (with the requirement that f^* take \mathcal{H}^{fp} to \mathcal{G}^{fp} being an additional finiteness condition). Indeed, the analogy is rather extensive – see, for example, [31,3] – with a locally coherent Grothendieck category $\mathcal{G} = \text{Lex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ being the additive analogue of the classifying topos of the (theory of the) definable category $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab}) = \text{Abs}(\mathcal{G})$ (the category of absolutely pure = fp-injective objects of \mathcal{G}) and \mathcal{A} being the full subcategory of coherent objects of this additive version of the classifying topos (or, model-theoretically, the category of pp(= regular) imaginary sorts).

The results of [17, Section 10 in particular] show how to fit COH into the picture (with the main result of [26], that is, our 2.2, removing the restriction of one direction there to finitely accessible \mathcal{C}).

The 2-functor $\text{ABEX} \rightarrow \text{COH}^{\text{op}}$ is the following: to a skeletally small abelian category \mathcal{A} it associates the locally coherent category $\text{Lex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ which, recall [4], may be identified both with $\text{Flat-}\mathcal{A}$ (the category of flat right \mathcal{A} -modules) and with $\text{Ind-}\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}$ (the free completion of \mathcal{A}^{op} under direct limits); given an exact functor $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ (a 1-arrow in ABEX) we define $f^* : \text{Ind-}\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ind-}\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}$ to be the unique-to-natural-equivalence extension of f to a functor which commutes with direct limits (e.g., see [17, 5.6]) and let f_* be its right adjoint which, one may check, is just the functor $\text{Lex}(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab}) \rightarrow \text{Lex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ which is precomposition with $f^{\text{op}} : \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}$. By definition, f^* commutes with direct limits and that f_* also commutes with direct limits follows immediately from its definition (cf. [17, 6.7]), so to prove that they are adjoint it is enough to check this on representables $(-, A), (-, B)$ with $A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}$, and that follows easily from the Yoneda Lemma (or see [17, Section 10]).

The 2-functor $\text{COH} \rightarrow \text{DEF}$ also may be extracted from [17, 10.1] which, once $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ has been identified with $\text{Abs}(\text{Lex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab}))$, shows that a coherent morphism (f^*, f_*) from $\mathcal{H} = \text{Lex}(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ to $\mathcal{G} = \text{Lex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ in COH induces a functor from $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ to $\text{Ex}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ which commutes with direct limits and products, namely $f_* \upharpoonright \text{Abs}(\mathcal{H})$.

We assert that this gives a factorisation of the anti-equivalence from the 2-category ABEX to DEF as an anti-equivalence from ABEX to COH followed by an equivalence from COH to DEF . We do not give details; much is already in, e.g., [17] or can just be done directly, and the 2-categorical aspects can be carefully checked as in the proof of 2.3.

Note, finally in this section, that a locally coherent category \mathcal{G} can appear both as an object of COH and as one of DEF . For instance, if R is a right coherent ring and if we consider the locally coherent category $\text{Mod-}R$ as an object of DEF then the skeletally small abelian category corresponding, in the sense of 2.2, to it is the category $(\text{mod-}R, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$ (equivalently the free abelian category on R^{op} , equivalently the category $\mathbb{L}_R^{\text{eq}+}$ of model-theoretic pp-sorts and pp-definable functions between them) though, perhaps to fit better with the discussion above, one should take its opposite, which is equivalent to $(R\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$. The corresponding object of COH is the functor category $(\text{mod-}R, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$, or $(R\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})$ if one prefers. On the other hand, if we regard $\text{Mod-}R = \text{Lex}((\text{mod-}R)^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ in its role as an object of COH , then we may ask to what definable additive category \mathcal{D} it corresponds (“classifies”, in the topos-theoretic terminology). In this case the corresponding skeletally small abelian category is $\text{mod-}R$ and \mathcal{D} is $\text{Ex}((\text{mod-}R)^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Ab})$ (or its opposite if one prefers) which is just $\text{Abs-}R$ (respectively, $R\text{-Flat}$). (Recall that Eklof and Sabbagh [5], respectively, [33], showed that $\text{Abs-}R$, resp. $R\text{-Flat}$, is a definable subcategory of $\text{Mod-}R$, resp. $R\text{-Mod}$, iff R is right coherent.)

3. The structure sheaf

Let \mathcal{D} be a definable category. An object $D \in \mathcal{D}$ is **pure-injective** if every pure embedding with domain D is split. Here purity may be defined with respect to any representation of \mathcal{D} as a definable subcategory but also is defined purely internally because a morphism is a pure embedding iff some ultraproduct of it is split (and ultraproducts, being certain direct limits of direct products, need only the assumed structure on \mathcal{D}). Let $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ denote the set (it is a set) of (isomorphism types of) (direct sum) indecomposable pure-injective objects of \mathcal{D} . We equip this with the rep-Zariski (= dual-Ziegler, [24] or e.g. [27, Section 5.3]) topology which has, for a basis of open sets, the

$$[F] = \{N \in \text{pinj}(\mathcal{D}) : FN = 0\}$$

where $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ (and FN really means $\overrightarrow{F}N$). Since $[F] \cap [G] = [F \oplus G]$ this is a basis of open sets for a topology, called the **rep-Zariski** topology on $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$. We write $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$ for this space. It does generalise the usual Zariski spectrum of a commutative noetherian ring ([24,25] or e.g. [27, Chpt. 14]) but, despite the name it shares few properties with the spectrum of a commutative ring, in particular, it need not be a spectral space.

If \mathcal{D} is represented as a definable subcategory of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ say (for instance one may take \mathcal{R} to be $(\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}))^{\text{op}}$) we denote by $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$ the Serre subcategory of $(\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$ consisting of all those finitely presented functors F which vanish on \mathcal{D} (more accurately, those F whose unique extension \overrightarrow{F} to a functor on all of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ which commutes with direct limits, satisfies $\overrightarrow{F}D = 0$ for all $D \in \mathcal{D}$). Let $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$ denote the finite type torsion theory on $(\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$ which $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$ generates.

There is a duality d between the categories, $(\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$ and $(\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$, of finitely presented functors and this induces a natural bijection $\mathcal{S} \mapsto d\mathcal{S} = \{dF : F \in \mathcal{S}\}$ between Serre subcategories and hence a natural bijection, $\tau \mapsto \tau^d$, of finite type torsion theories on the whole functor categories.

The localisation of $(\text{mod-}\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{Ab})$ at $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$ is the full functor category $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{D})$ of \mathcal{D} and we denote the localisation of $(\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})$ at $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}^d$ by $\text{Fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$. All these (localised) functor categories are locally coherent. We have, as discussed towards the end of the previous section, $\text{fun}^d(\mathcal{D}) = \text{fun}(\mathcal{D}^d) \simeq (\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}))^{\text{op}}$.

Consider the embedding of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ into $(\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})$ which is given on objects by $M \mapsto M \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} -$. This is a full and faithful embedding and is such that $M \in \text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ is pure-injective iff $M \otimes -$ is injective ([9], or see any of the background reference texts). Thus $\text{pinj}_{\mathcal{R}}$ may be identified with $\text{inj}((\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab}))$ and this restricts to an identification of $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ with the set of indecomposable $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}^d$ -torsionfree injectives in the functor category $(\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})$ which, in turn, may be identified with the set of indecomposable injectives of the corresponding localisation, $\text{Fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$, of $(\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})$. Using the formula $\overline{F}N \simeq (dF, N \otimes -)$ it follows directly that, under this identification, the Gabriel–Zariski topology on $\text{inj}((\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab}))$ restricts to the rep-Zariski topology on $\text{pinj}_{\mathcal{R}}$, hence similarly for \mathcal{D} .

Proposition 3.1. *Let \mathcal{D} be a definable category and let $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$. If $FN = 0$ for every indecomposable pure-injective $N \in \mathcal{D}$ then $F = 0$.*

Proof. Since the functor category, $\text{Fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$, is locally coherent the set of indecomposable injective objects is cogenerating (in the sense that the only object with only zero morphisms to all these indecomposables is 0). The $N \otimes -$ for $N \in \text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ are the exactly these indecomposable injectives and so, since $FN \simeq (dF, N \otimes -)$, the result follows. \square

For $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ let $\mathcal{S}(F)$ denote the Serre subcategory of $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ generated by F : thus $G \in \mathcal{S}(F)$ iff G has a finite filtration with successive factors being isomorphic to subquotients of F .

Lemma 3.2. *Let $F, G \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$. Then $[G] \subseteq [F]$ iff $\mathcal{S}(G) \supseteq \mathcal{S}(F)$.*

Proof. Since $\text{Fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$ is locally coherent the Serre subcategories $d\mathcal{S}$ of $\text{fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$ generate the torsion classes of finite type on $\text{Fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$; these, in turn, are determined by the indecomposable injective torsionfree objects. That is $d\mathcal{S}$, hence \mathcal{S} , is determined by those indecomposable injective functors E such that $(d\mathcal{S}, E) = 0$ equivalently, see the proof above, by the set of indecomposable pure-injectives N such that $FN = 0$ for every $F \in \mathcal{S}$. \square

We define a presheaf on the above basis for $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$ by assigning to $[F]$ the localisation $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F)$ and to an inclusion $[G] \subseteq [F]$ the localisation $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F) \rightarrow \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(G) = (\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F))/(\mathcal{S}(G)/\mathcal{S}(F))$. Note that if $\mathcal{D}_F = \{D \in \mathcal{D} : FD = 0\}$ is the definable subcategory of \mathcal{D} corresponding to F then $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F) \simeq \text{fun}(\mathcal{D}_F)$ so the restriction maps/functors of this presheaf can literally be read as restrictions of functors to definable subcategories of \mathcal{D} . It follows immediately that this presheaf-on-a-basis is separated. For suppose that $H \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F)$ and $[F] = \bigcup_{\lambda} [F_{\lambda}]$ is such that each localisation, H_{λ} , of H at $\mathcal{S}(F_{\lambda})/\mathcal{S}(F)$ is 0. Then, regarding H as a functor on \mathcal{D}_F , the hypothesis is that each restriction $H \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_{F_{\lambda}}$ is 0. In particular, for each $N \in \mathcal{D}_{F_{\lambda}}$ we have $HN = 0$. Thus $HN = 0$ for every $N \in [F]$. But, by 3.1, that implies that $H = 0$ on \mathcal{D}_F as required. This presheaf-on-a-basis we denote by $\text{Def}(\mathcal{D})$ and its sheafification is denoted by $\text{LDef}(\mathcal{D})$: the **sheaf of locally definable scalars** on \mathcal{D} . (For the notion of (pre)sheaf-on-a-basis, see, e.g., [20, p. 69] or [35, 4.2.6].)

Note that, at least at this point, it is not necessary to move to fibred categories and stacks: the issue is that, typically, functors between categories are unique only up to natural equivalence so when one tries to define a presheaf of categories one can expect the restriction maps to compose only up to (specified) natural equivalences; the resulting notion is that of a fibred category over the base (glueing morphisms gives a prestack and then glueing objects gives a stack – the general notion of “sheaf of categories”). In this case, all the categories that appear are localisations of a certain category. There is one definition of localised category which leaves the objects fixed while changing the morphism groups so, if we adopt that definition, we can have restriction maps (i.e. localisations) composing “on the nose”. However, the language of fibred categories and stacks is the natural one in this context.

Proposition 3.3. *Let $N \in \text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$. The stalk of $\text{LDef}(\mathcal{D})$ at N is the localisation of $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ at the Serre subcategory $\mathcal{S}_N = \{F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D}) : FN = 0\}$ of functors which annihilate N .*

Proof. First, if $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathcal{S}_{\lambda}$ is a directed union of Serre subcategories of some abelian category \mathcal{A} then it is easily checked that \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{S} is naturally equivalent to $\varinjlim (\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{S}_{\lambda})$ where the direct limit of categories should be understood as being taken in a suitable 2-category of categories; in our situation it can be taken in \mathbf{ABEX} . Then, just from the definitions, we deduce $\text{LDef}(\mathcal{D})_N = \varinjlim_{[F] \ni N} \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F)$. \square

The terminology “definable scalar” derives from the case $\mathcal{D} = \text{Mod-}R$ and from just that part of $\text{fun-}R$ and its localisations which are the endomorphism rings of the forgetful functor and its localisations. That is, if \mathcal{E} is a definable subcategory of $\text{Mod-}R$ then we set $R_{\mathcal{E}}$ to be the endomorphism ring of the image of $(R, -)$ in $\text{fun-}R/\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{E}}$. This ring has a model-theoretic interpretation as the ring of all pp-definable functions (“definable scalars”) on modules in \mathcal{E} ([2], see [27, Section 12.8]). Indeed, the terminology “definable category” derives from the same source, such categories being exactly the subcategories of module categories which are axiomatisable and closed under direct summands and (finite, hence arbitrary) direct sums. And the functors between definable categories which commute with direct products and direct limits also have a model-theoretic meaning, being exactly the interpretation functors ([27, Section 18.2.1] or [26]). Furthermore the functor category $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ is equivalent to the category of “pp-imaginaries” (another notion from model theory, [19] or see, e.g., [26] or [27]). Examples of these (pre)sheaves of definable scalars are worked out in [25] (or see [27, Section 14.2]).

Let T be any topological space. By $\mathcal{O}(T)$ we denote the locale of open subsets of T . This is the set of all open subsets of T regarded first as a lattice, indeed a complete Heyting algebra but, rather than thought of as an object of the category of complete Heyting algebras, it is regarded as an object of the opposite category – the category of **locales** (see, e.g., [14] or [20]). Thus a continuous map $T \rightarrow T'$ of topological spaces induces a map $\mathcal{O}(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(T')$ of locales. We will use the terminology **abelian space** to refer to a “categorised space” or “categorised locale” of the form $(\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}), \text{LDef}(\mathcal{D}))$.

Proposition 3.4. *Let \mathcal{D} be a definable category and let \mathcal{D}^d denote its elementary dual. Then the duality $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}^d) \simeq (\text{fun}(\mathcal{D}))^{\text{op}} = \text{fun}^d(\mathcal{D})$ induces an isomorphism of abelian spaces (at the locale level), $(\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}), \text{LDef}(\mathcal{D})) \simeq (\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}^d), \text{LDef}(\mathcal{D}^d))^{\text{op}}$.*

Proof. What we mean by the statement is, first, that there is an isomorphism, $U \mapsto DU$ say, of locales, so of complete lattices of open sets, between $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$ and $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}^d)$ – that is described at the end of Section 2 – and, second, that for each open subset, U say, of $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$ the category of sections is opposite to that over the corresponding open subset, DU , of $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}^d)$. It can be checked that it is enough to establish that categories of sections are opposite on a basis; that this is so is direct from the duality d , between the (localised) functor categories, which is described near the beginning of this section.

Note (cf. proof of 3.3) that, in the case that we actually have a homeomorphism of spaces (i.e. at the level of points) that will imply that if $DN \in \text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}^d)$ corresponds to $N \in \text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$, then the stalk at DN will be the opposite category to the stalk at N . \square

4. Functors between definable categories

Theorem 4.1. *Suppose that \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} are definable categories and that $I : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a functor which preserves direct products and direct limits. Then I induces a morphism of locales $\mathcal{O}(\text{Zar}(\mathcal{C})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}))$, which we also denote by I , and there is a corresponding morphism of presheaves $\text{Def}(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow I_*\text{Def}(\mathcal{C})$, where the latter denotes the direct image of the sheaf $\text{Def}(\mathcal{C})$ under I . Thus there is induced a morphism of abelian spaces $(\text{Zar}(\mathcal{C}), \text{LDef}(\mathcal{C})) \rightarrow (\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}), \text{LDef}(\mathcal{D}))$.*

Proof. In general I will not induce a map of sets from $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{C})$ to $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{D})$ since although I preserves pure-injectivity, it need not preserve indecomposability. Nevertheless, if we take $[F]$ with $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$ a basic open subset of $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D})$ then, with notation as in 2.3, $I^{-1}[F] = [I_0F]$ (since $C \in \mathcal{C}$ satisfies $I_0F.C = 0$ iff $F.IC = 0$) and $I_0F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{C})$ so $[I_0F]$ is a (basic) open subset of $\text{Zar}(\mathcal{C})$. Certainly I^{-1} commutes with finite intersections and arbitrary unions of basic open sets and hence gives a map of algebras of open sets, that is, I induces a map of locales as stated.

It must be shown that I also induces a morphism of presheaves $\text{Def}(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow I_*\text{Def}(\mathcal{C})$ where $I_*\text{Def}(\mathcal{C})$ is defined to take $[F]$ (for $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$) to $\text{Def}(\mathcal{C}) \cdot I^{-1}F = \text{Def}(\mathcal{C}) \cdot [I_0F] = \text{fun}(\mathcal{C})/\mathcal{S}(I_0F)$. Now, there is a natural functor from $\text{fun}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F)$ to $\text{fun}(\mathcal{C})/\mathcal{S}(I_0F)$ induced by $I_0 : \text{fun}(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{fun}(\mathcal{C})$. We check that the functors of this form give a morphism of presheaves. If $[F] \supseteq [F']$ then $\mathcal{S}(F) \subseteq \mathcal{S}(F')$ and also, since I_0 is exact from $F \in \mathcal{S}(F')$, we have $I_0F \in \mathcal{S}(I_0F')$, so there is a commutative diagram as shown.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Def}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F) & \longrightarrow & \text{Def}(\mathcal{C})/\mathcal{S}(I_0F) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Def}(\mathcal{D})/\mathcal{S}(F') & \longrightarrow & \text{Def}(\mathcal{C})/\mathcal{S}(I_0F') \end{array}$$

This morphism of presheaves induces the morphism of sheaves referred to in the statement. \square

Example 4.2. Let $\alpha : R \rightarrow S$ be a morphism of rings and consider the induced forgetful functor $I : \text{Mod-}S \rightarrow \text{Mod-}R$. Certainly I commutes with direct products and direct limits (it will be full exactly if α is an epimorphism of rings). We describe the corresponding exact functor $I_0 : \text{fun-}R \rightarrow \text{fun-}S$.

If we regard the objects of $\text{fun-}R$ in terms of pp conditions then the description is simple: just replace every occurrence of an element $r \in R$ in a formula by its image $\alpha r \in S$. If ϕ is a pp condition for R -modules and we denote by ϕ^α the pp condition for S -modules which results from these replacements then we have $I_0(F_\phi/F_\psi) = F_{\phi^\alpha}/F_{\psi^\alpha}$.

In more algebraic terms the description is as follows. First note that the functor $-\otimes_R S_S : \text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Mod-}S$ restricts to a functor from $\text{mod-}R$ to $\text{mod-}S$: for $-\otimes_R S$ is right exact so if $A \in \text{mod-}R$ has presentation $R^m \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ then $S^m \rightarrow S^n \rightarrow A \otimes_R S \rightarrow 0$ is exact so $A \otimes_R S$ is finitely presented. Then, since $-\otimes_R S$ is left adjoint to the restriction functor I , we have $(A \otimes_R S, N_S) \simeq (A_R, N_R)$ for all N_S . By definition I_0 is given on $(A, -)$ by $I_0(A, -).N_S = (A, -)IN = (A, N_R)$, so I_0 is given on representables by $I_0(A, -) = (A \otimes_R S, -)$. Every functor in $\text{fun-}R$ has a presentation by representables and I_0 is exact, so this is a complete description of I_0 .

The action on rep-Zariski locales is to take a basic open set $[F]$ of Zar_R to the basic open set $[I_0F]$ of Zar_S (in terms of pp conditions, $[\phi/\psi]$ is taken to $[\phi^\alpha/\psi^\alpha]$).

And the morphism of presheaves, from Def_R to the direct image $\alpha_*\text{Def}_S$, induced by α is given at a basic open $[F] = [\phi/\psi]$ by applying I_0 to morphisms in the corresponding localisation of $\text{fun-}R$ or, in terms of pp conditions, if ρ defines a function on the Ziegler-closed set $[\phi/\psi]$ then the positive atomic diagram of R (expressed through axioms for modules) together with $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$ proves “ ρ is functional” (that is, certain formulas are equivalent), and applying $(-)^{\alpha}$ to the relevant deduction also gives a valid deduction, so the axioms for S -modules together with $\phi^\alpha \leftrightarrow \psi^\alpha$ also imply that ρ^α is functional.

If R, S are commutative, so α induces a continuous map $\text{Spec}(S) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R)$, indeed a morphism of ringed spaces $(\text{Spec}(S), \mathcal{O}_S) \rightarrow (\text{Spec}(R), \mathcal{O}_R)$ then (cf. the following section) this morphism is the restriction of that in 4.1 to the appropriate subspaces and subcategories.

More generally, we may take a bimodule ${}_S L_R$ with ${}_S L$ finitely presented; then $I = - \otimes_S L_R : \text{Mod-}S \rightarrow \text{Mod-}R$ is a functor which commutes with direct products and direct limits (in the previous example L is ${}_S R$ where the action of R on S is given by α). The corresponding functor $I_0 : \text{fun-}R \rightarrow \text{fun-}S$ is such that the action of $I_0 F$ on N_S is, in model-theoretic terms, to restrict $N^{\text{eq}+}$ to the sort $N \otimes L$ and then act with R .

Example 4.3. An example which illustrates why we need to use locales rather than spaces in 4.1 is the following. Let $S = kA_2$ be the path algebra of the quiver $A_2 = \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$ over a field k and let R be its subring $k \times k$ (the ring of diagonal matrices if we represent S as a triangular 2×2 matrix ring). Let N_S be the representation $k \xrightarrow{1} k$. Then N is a point of Zar_S . The restriction of N to R is the direct sum of two non-isomorphic simple modules so the corresponding subset of Zar_R consists of two points (indeed, is the whole of Zar_R). Since this set is not even irreducible it is clear that there is no sensible way of assigning a single point of Zar_R to be the “image” of N .

This example also shows that the definable scalars give a presheaf rather than a sheaf. This algebra is a ring of finite representation type, hence with a discrete Ziegler spectrum with every subset being basic open (see [27, 5.3.26]). Let us consider the subspace consisting of the two indecomposable injectives E_1 , the simple module at the first vertex, and E_2 , the injective hull of the simple module at the second vertex (and E_2 modulo its socle is isomorphic to E_1). Since each of these modules is of finite length over its endomorphism ring, its ring of definable scalars is just its biendomorphism ring ([2, see [27, 6.1.33]) which, for E_1 is k and for E_2 is the ring $M_2(k)$ of 2×2 matrices over k . Since the topology is discrete, the sheafification process assigns the direct product $k \times M_2(k)$ to the set $\{E_1, E_2\}$ but it can be checked (or quote [27, 6.1.5] plus elementary duality) that the ring of definable scalars associated to the set $\{E_1, E_2\}$ that is, of the module $E_1 \oplus E_2$, is just R .

The result 4.1 also applies to the tensor embedding of $\text{Mod-}R$ into $(R\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})$ but we will say more about this in the next section.

5. Restricting to injectives

In this section we assume that the category \mathcal{G} is locally coherent abelian, in particular Grothendieck, so has enough injectives. Also \mathcal{G}^{fp} is abelian. Any such category is definable: if \mathcal{R} is a generating set of finitely presented objects then \mathcal{G} is a definable subcategory of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ ([22], see [27, 11.1.27, 11.1.21]).

Recall that we defined the Gabriel–Zariski topology on $\text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$ by declaring the sets $[A] = \{E \in \text{inj}(\mathcal{G}) : (A, E) = 0\}$ for $A \in \mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}$ to be open and then we defined a presheaf-on-a-basis by assigning, to a basic open set $[A]$, the localisation of \mathcal{G}^{fp} at the hereditary torsion theory with torsion class generated by A . This is a torsion theory of finite type, so is determined by the set of *indecomposable* torsionfree injective objects (see, e.g., [27, 11.1.29]); therefore the reasoning that showed $\text{Def}(\mathcal{D})$ to be a separated presheaf also applies here and we deduce that this presheaf-on-a-basis embeds in its sheafification, which we denote by $\text{LFT}(\mathcal{G})$.

Theorem 5.1. Suppose that \mathcal{G} is a locally coherent abelian category. Then the Gabriel–Zariski topology on $\text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$ coincides with the restriction of the rep-Zariski topology on $\text{pinj}(\mathcal{G})$ to $\text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$. Furthermore, there is an induced full embedding $(\text{LFT}(\mathcal{G}))^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{LDef}(\mathcal{G}) \upharpoonright \text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$, of categorised spaces over $\text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$.

Proof. A basic Gabriel–Zariski open subset of $\text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$ has the form $[A]$ for some $A \in \mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}$. Since A is finitely presented it follows that so is the functor $(A, -)$ and clearly $[(A, -)] \cap \text{inj}_R = [A]$, giving us one inclusion of topologies.

For the other, let $F \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{G})$ and let $g : B \rightarrow C$ in \mathcal{G}^{fp} be such that $(C, -) \xrightarrow{(g, -)} (B, -) \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$ is a projective presentation of F . Factorise g as $B \xrightarrow{g'} B' \xrightarrow{g''} C$, yielding the factorisation $(C, -) \xrightarrow{(g'', -)} (B', -) \xrightarrow{(g', -)} (B, -)$ of $(g, -)$. Observe that since \mathcal{G} is locally coherent, $B' \in \mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}$. Also note that the restriction of $(g'', -)$ to injective objects of \mathcal{G} is an epimorphism and so $\text{im}(g', -) = \text{im}(g'', -)$ and hence, for any $E \in \text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$, the resulting sequence $0 \rightarrow (B', E) \rightarrow (B, E) \rightarrow FE \rightarrow 0$ is exact. But also, if $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow B \rightarrow B' \rightarrow 0$ is exact (and note that $K \in \mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}$) then, if E is injective, the sequence $0 \rightarrow (B', E) \rightarrow (B, E) \rightarrow (K, E) \rightarrow 0$ is exact. Therefore $F \simeq (K, -)$ and $[F] \cap \text{inj}(\mathcal{G}) = [K]$, as required.

For the second statement it is enough to compare the corresponding presheaves-on-a-basis. The section of $\text{FT}(\mathcal{G})$ over $[A]$ is the quotient category $\mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}/\langle A \rangle$ and the section of $\text{Def}(\mathcal{G}) \upharpoonright \text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$ over $[A] = [(A, -)] \cap \text{inj}(\mathcal{G})$ is $\text{fun}(\mathcal{G})/\langle (A, -) \rangle$ where, in each case, $\langle X \rangle$ denotes the Serre subcategory generated by X in the given category.

We have the Yoneda embedding of $(\mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}})^{\text{op}}$ into $\text{fun}(\mathcal{G})$ and the composition of this with $\text{fun}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \text{fun}(\mathcal{G})/\langle (A, -) \rangle$ clearly takes A to 0, hence induces a morphism $(\mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}/\langle A \rangle)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{fun}(\mathcal{G})/\langle (A, -) \rangle$. This will be an embedding provided the intersection of the Serre subcategory $\langle (A, -) \rangle$ with the image of $(\mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}})^{\text{op}}$ in $\text{fun}(\mathcal{G})$ is no more than the image of $\langle A \rangle$; we show that this is so.

Suppose then that $C \in \mathcal{G}^{\text{fp}}$ is such that $(C, -) \in \langle (A, -) \rangle$. It is easily seen (see the background references) that the duality between $\text{fun}(\mathcal{G})$ and $\text{fun}^{\text{d}}(\mathcal{G})$ takes $(A, -)$ to $A \otimes -$. Also, if $F, G \in \text{fun}(\mathcal{G})$ are such that $F \in \langle G \rangle$ then, because the closure conditions for a Serre subcategory are “self-dual”, $dF \in \langle dG \rangle$. It follows that $(C \otimes -) \in \langle A \otimes - \rangle$. Let $E \in [A]$, that is $(A, E) = 0$, hence $(A \otimes -, E \otimes -) = 0$ and then it follows that $(C \otimes -, E \otimes -) = 0$. Therefore $(C, E) = 0$. This is true for

each $E \in [A]$ so C belongs to the torsion class of the smallest finite type torsion theory on \mathcal{G} generated by A . The intersection of that torsion class with \mathcal{G}^{fp} is exactly $\langle A \rangle$, as required. \square

This is proved in [30, 2.4.2] for the case where $\mathcal{G} = \text{Mod-}R$ for R a right coherent ring; the proof there is considerably longer but does give explicitly the isomorphisms between definable scalars and elements of localisations of R .

In terms of the discussion involving COH and DEF at the end of Section 2, what we are doing is starting with (the pure-injectives in) $\mathcal{G} \in \text{COH}$, then restricting to those in the corresponding definable category, which is just $\text{Abs}(\mathcal{G})$ (the pure-injective objects of which are exactly the injective objects of \mathcal{G}). The first part of the proof (which, model-theoretically, is a proof of the well-known fact of elimination of quantifiers for theories of absolutely pure objects in locally coherent categories) is essentially the identification of \mathcal{G}^{fp} with the category of coherent objects of the “additive classifying topos” for $\text{Abs}(\mathcal{G})$ (already discussed for the case where $\mathcal{G} = \text{Mod-}R$ at the end of Section 2).

In the above sense, then, the map which takes a definable category \mathcal{D} (equivalently a small abelian category $\mathcal{R} = \text{fun}(\mathcal{D})$) to the abelian space $(\text{Zar}(\mathcal{D}), \text{LDef}(\mathcal{D}))$ extends the classical situation which takes a commutative coherent ring R to the affine variety $(\text{Spec}(R), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(R)})$. For, given a commutative ring R , we assign to it the definable category $\text{Mod-}R$, equivalently the (opposite of the) free abelian category, $\text{Ab}(R)$ on R , and, from that we obtain the corresponding abelian space, a subsheaf of which is isomorphic to $(\text{Spec}(R), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(R)})$. To obtain this isomorphism, we identify a prime P of R with the (indecomposable) injective module $E(R/P)$ and use the fact that for a commutative coherent ring R , every point of the space inj_R is, in the Gabriel–Zariski topology, topologically indistinguishable from a point of $\text{Spec}(R)$ ([25, 6.4]). Note also that R is recoverable from $\text{Mod-}R$, as the **centre** (the endomorphism ring of the identity functor) of this category. We observe that R may be recovered in the same way from $\text{Ab}(R)$.

Proposition 5.2. *Let R be any ring. Then the canonical morphism from the centre, $C(R)$, of R to the free abelian category, $\text{Ab}(R)$, of R is an isomorphism. In particular a commutative ring R may be recovered from $\text{Ab}(R)$.*

Proof. By the **centre** of a category is meant the set (ring if the category is additive) of natural transformations from the identity functor id to itself. Such a natural transformation τ is given by, for each object F of the category, an endomorphism τ_F of F such that for every morphism $f : F \rightarrow G$ of the category we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\tau_F} & F \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ G & \xrightarrow{\tau_G} & G \end{array}.$$

We identify $\text{Ab}(R)$ with the category $(R\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$ of finitely presented functors from (left) R -modules to \mathbf{Ab} .

Given $r \in C(R)$, define the element τ_r of the centre of $\text{Ab}(R)$ by setting $(\tau_r)_F$, for $F \in \text{Ab}(R)$, to be multiplication by r . That is, the natural transformation $(\tau_r)_F$ has component at $M \in R\text{-mod}$ the map $F((r \times -)_M)$ where $(r \times -)_M : M \rightarrow M$ is the endomorphism (since $r \in C(R)$) $m \mapsto rm$: $((\tau_r)_F)_M = F((r \times -)_M)$. If $f : F \rightarrow G$ is a morphism in $\text{Ab}(R)$ then each component $f_M : FM \rightarrow GM$ is R -linear so it follows that τ_r is indeed a natural transformation. This gives a map $R \rightarrow \text{Nat}(\text{id}, \text{id})$ which is clearly a ring homomorphism and which, on considering the component of τ_r at the forgetful functor $(R, -)$, evaluated say at R , is clearly monic.

For the converse suppose that $\tau \in \text{Nat}(\text{id}, \text{id})$. Then for every morphism $f : F \rightarrow G$ of $\text{Ab}(R)$ and every $M \in R\text{-mod}$ there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FM & \xrightarrow{(\tau_F)_M} & FM \\ f_M \downarrow & & \downarrow f_M \\ GM & \xrightarrow{(\tau_G)_M} & GM \end{array}.$$

Indeed for every morphism $g : L \rightarrow M$ in $R\text{-mod}$ there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & FM & \xrightarrow{(\tau_F)_M} & FM \\ & Fg \nearrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow f_M \\ FL & \xrightarrow{f_M} & FL & & \\ & f_L \downarrow & \downarrow f_L & & \\ & GM & \xrightarrow{(\tau_G)_M} & GM & \\ & Gg \nearrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ GL & \xrightarrow{(\tau_G)_L} & GL & & \end{array}$$

Apply this with $F = (R, -)$, $M = L = R$, g being multiplication by any $s \in R$, so $Fg : FL \rightarrow FM$ is $(s \times -)_R : R \rightarrow R$, to obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & R & \xrightarrow{(\tau_{(R,-)})_R} R \\ (s \times -)_R \nearrow & & \nwarrow (s \times -)_R \\ R & \xrightarrow{(\tau_{(R,-)})_R} & R \end{array} .$$

That is, $(\tau_{(R,-)})_R$ commutes with multiplication by every element $s \in R$ and hence is multiplication by some $r \in C(R)$.

This identification of $\tau_{(R,-)}_R$ with multiplication by r must be extended, first to every component of $\tau_{(R,-)}$, then to every component of τ .

Let $M \in R\text{-mod}$, say $g : R^n \rightarrow M$ is surjective. Apply $(R, -)$ to obtain the commutative diagram below (where g means the image of g under the forgetful functor and where we are making the (functorial) identification of (R, X) with X)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^n = (R, R)^n & \xrightarrow{g} & M = (R, M) \\ \downarrow \tau_{(R,-)}^n = \tau_{(R,-)}_{R^n} & & \downarrow (\tau_{(R,-)})_M \\ R^n = (R, R)^n & \xrightarrow{g} & M = (R, M) \end{array}$$

Thus (choose $m \in M$, choose a preimage in R^n and follow it round) $(\tau_{(R,-)})_M : M = (R, M) \rightarrow M = (R, M)$ is also multiplication by r . So $\tau_{(R,-)}$ is multiplication by r .

Now choose $M \in R\text{-mod}$ and a surjection $R^n \rightarrow M$, hence an injection $i : (M, -) \rightarrow (R, -)^n$. Therefore we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M, -) & \xrightarrow{\tau_{(M,-)}} & (M, -) \\ i \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\ (R, -)^n & \xrightarrow{\tau_{(R,-)}^n} & (R, -)^n \end{array}$$

and hence, at each $N \in R\text{-mod}$, the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M, N) & \xrightarrow{(\tau_{(M,-)})_N} & (M, N) \\ i_N \downarrow & & \downarrow i_N \\ (R, N)^n & \xrightarrow{(\tau_{(R,-)}^n)_N} & (R, N)^n \end{array}$$

where the lower map is, by what has been proved already, just multiplication by r on N . Thus the effect of $(\tau_{(M,-)})_N$ is the restriction to (M, N) of multiplication by r on $(R, N) = N^n$ and hence is just multiplication by r .

So now we have that each $\tau_{(M,-)}$ is multiplication by r . A general object $F \in \text{Ab}(R)$ is a homomorphic image of some representable functor $\pi : (M, -) \rightarrow F$ so we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M, -) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & F \\ \tau_{(M,-)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau_F \\ (M, -) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & F \end{array}$$

which at $N \in R\text{-mod}$ gives the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M, N) & \xrightarrow{\pi_N} & FN \\ (\tau_{(M,-)})_N \downarrow & & \downarrow (\tau_F)_N \\ (M, N) & \xrightarrow{\pi_N} & FN \end{array}$$

where the left-hand map is, by what has been proved, multiplication by r and it follows easily that $(\tau_F)_N$ also is multiplication by r .

Thus $\tau = \tau_r$ and so the isomorphism between the centre of R and the centre of $\text{Ab}(R)$ is established. \square

6. The image of $\mathbf{Ab}(R)$ in $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$

Let \mathcal{R} be a small preadditive category. The free abelian category on \mathcal{R} is a functor $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}(\mathcal{R})$ where $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathcal{R})$ is abelian such that every functor from \mathcal{R} to an abelian category \mathcal{B} factors through this functor via a unique (up to natural equivalence) exact functor from $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathcal{R})$ to \mathcal{B} . In the next result, existence is due to Freyd ([6, 4.1]) and the description is stated by Gruson in [8].

Theorem 6.1. *Given a small preadditive category \mathcal{R} the free abelian category on \mathcal{R} exists and is equivalent to the functor category $(\mathcal{R}\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}} = \text{fun-}\mathcal{R}^{\text{op}} \simeq \text{fun}^{\text{d}}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$.*

In particular, the functor from a ring R , regarded as a preadditive category with one point, to $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ which takes R to the free module R_R , factors through the free abelian category $\mathbf{Ab}(R) = (R\text{-mod}, \mathbf{Ab})^{\text{fp}}$ via the functor from $\mathbf{Ab}(R)$ which takes $F \in \mathbf{Ab}(R)$ to $FR \in \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ (for this functor, evaluation at R_R , certainly is exact, hence must be the required exact factorisation). The kernel of this functor from $\mathbf{Ab}(R)$ is $\mathcal{Z}_R = \{F : F(R_R) = 0\}$ and the image, $\mathbf{Ab}(R)/\mathcal{Z}_R$, let us denote it by $\mathcal{A}(R)$, is an abelian subcategory of $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$, in particular the inclusion functor from $\mathcal{A}(R)$ to $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ is exact. In general $\mathcal{A}(R)$ will not be a full subcategory of $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$.

Example 6.2. Let k be a field and let $R = k[x_i (i \in \omega) : x_i x_j = 0 \forall i, j]$. This is a commutative non-coherent ring (the, 1-dimensional, ideal generated by x_0 is finitely generated but not finitely presented: the kernel of a surjection $R \rightarrow x_0 R = x_0 k$ is $J = \bigoplus_{i \in \omega} x_i k$ which is infinitely generated).

The inclusion of J in R is in $\mathcal{A}(R)$ because J is defined by the pp condition $v x_0 = 0$ for instance (if ϕ is a pp condition then it defines a finitely presented functor F_ϕ , thus $J = F_{v x_0 = 0}(R)$).

The ideal J is a semisimple module of countably infinite rank so it has uncountably many endomorphisms and, at least if the field k is countable, these cannot each be the value of a pp-definable map at R (if k , hence R , is countable then $\mathbf{Ab}(R)$ has only countably many objects and morphisms). Thus $\mathcal{A}(R)$ is not in general a full subcategory of $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$.

Lemma 6.3. *If R is right coherent then $\mathcal{A}(R) = \text{mod-}R$. For any ring R , $\mathcal{A}(R)$ is the smallest abelian subcategory of $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ containing $\text{mod-}R$.*

Proof. In general if $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a morphism in $\text{mod-}R$ then $(f \otimes -) : (M \otimes -) \rightarrow (N \otimes -)$ is a morphism in $\mathbf{Ab}(R)$ (that M finitely presented implies $M \otimes -$ finitely presented is [1, 6.1]). Evaluation at R_R gives f , as well as M and N , in the image of ev_R , so $\text{mod-}R$ is a subcategory of $\mathcal{A}(R)$.

If R is right coherent then $\text{mod-}R$ is abelian so, in the definition of $\mathcal{A}(R)$ above, we may replace $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ by $\text{mod-}R$ to get an exact functor $E' : \mathbf{Ab}(R) \rightarrow \text{mod-}R$ which, on composition with the inclusion of $\text{mod-}R$ in $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$, must be equivalent to evaluation, ev_R , at R . So, in this case, we may take $\mathcal{A}(R)$ to be $\text{mod-}R$ for, as we have seen, all of $\text{mod-}R$ is in the image of ev_R .

If \mathcal{A} is any abelian (not necessarily full) subcategory of $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ containing R_R , and hence $\text{mod-}R$, then this argument shows that \mathcal{A} contains $\mathcal{A}(R)$. \square

If R is not right coherent then $\mathcal{A}(R)$ strictly contains $\text{mod-}R$ (since in this case $\text{mod-}R$ is not abelian).

From now on we make free use of pp conditions and surrounding technology, see, for instance, either of [27, 23] or, for a short account, [28].

Theorem 6.4. *A right R -module K is isomorphic to an object of $\mathcal{A}(R)$ iff K is the kernel of a morphism between finitely presented modules.*

Proof. If K is such a kernel then, since $\mathcal{A}(R)$ is an exact subcategory of $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$, it must be that K is in $\mathcal{A}(R)$. We will, however, give a direct proof which exhibits explicitly (modulo the morphism being given explicitly) a finitely presented functor $F \in \mathbf{Ab}(R)$ such that $K \simeq F(R_R)$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a morphism in $\text{mod-}R$. Suppose that $\bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is a generating set for M and that the columns of the matrix G generate the kernel of the corresponding surjection $R^n \rightarrow M$, so (M, \bar{a}) is a free realisation (see [27, Section 1.2.2]) of the pp condition $\bar{x}G = 0$, which we denote as $\theta(\bar{x})$. Similarly let $\bar{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ generate N with matrix of relations H and denote the condition $\bar{y}H = 0$ by $\eta(\bar{y})$. Note that the kernel of the surjection $R^m \rightarrow N$ is $D\theta(R_R)$ where D denotes elementary dual (defined in Section 7); for (M, \bar{a}) is a free realisation of θ and so in $M \simeq M \otimes_R R_R$ we have $\bar{a} \otimes \bar{r} = 0$ iff $\bar{r} \in D\theta(R_R)$; similarly the kernel of the corresponding surjection $R^m \rightarrow N$ is $D\eta(R_R)$.

Also let S be the matrix such that $f\bar{a} = \bar{b}S$. Then $\bar{a}\bar{r} \in \ker(f)$ ($\bar{r} \in R^n$) iff $\bar{b}S\bar{r} = 0$ iff $S\bar{r} \in D\eta(R_R)$ iff $\bar{r} \in (D\eta : S)$. Here $(D\eta : S)$ denotes the pp condition $D\eta(\bar{r}S)$. It follows that $K = \ker(f) \simeq F(R_R)$ where F is the functor $F_{(D\eta:S)/F_{D\theta}}$ and hence $K \in \mathcal{A}(R)$.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that $K = F_{D\psi}/F_{D\phi}$ for some pp conditions $\psi \leq \phi (\leq (R_R, -)^n)$ on right modules. We may suppose that ϕ is quantifier-free (since dK is a factor of a finitely presented projective functor, that is, a representable functor). Let (C_ϕ, \bar{c}_ϕ) and (C_ψ, \bar{c}_ψ) be free realisations of ϕ and ψ respectively. Since ϕ is quantifier-free we may suppose that \bar{c}_ϕ generates C_ϕ . Since ψ implies ϕ there is a morphism, $g : C_\phi \rightarrow C_\psi$ with $g\bar{c}_\phi = \bar{c}_\psi$. Consider the morphism $f : R^n \rightarrow C_\phi$ which takes a chosen basis of R^n to \bar{c}_ϕ . By basic properties of free realisations and Herzog's Criterion ([10, 3.2]) $\ker(f) = D\phi(R_R)$ and also $\ker(gf) = D\psi(R_R)$. Since f is surjective it follows that $K \simeq \ker(g)$: a morphism between finitely presented modules, as required. \square

Proposition 6.5. *Let I be a submodule of R^n_R . Then the inclusion $I \rightarrow R^n$ is in $\mathcal{A}(R)$ iff $I = \phi(RR)$ for some pp condition ϕ .*

Proof. If the inclusion is in $\mathcal{A}(R)$ then it is of the form $f_R : F'R \rightarrow FR$ for some functors F', F and natural transformation f . Since $FR \simeq R^n$, that is (by Yoneda) $((R, -), F) \simeq R^n$, there is a natural transformation $g : (R, -) \rightarrow F$ the component of which at R is an isomorphism, so we may as well take f_R to be an identification $\text{id} : R^n \rightarrow FR = R^n$. Let F'' with $f' : F'' \rightarrow (R, -)$ and $g' : F'' \rightarrow F'$ be the pullback of f and g . Then the evaluation at R is a pullback and hence $f'_R : F''R \rightarrow R^n$ may be identified with the inclusion of I into R^n , as required.

The other direction is immediate from the definition of $\mathcal{A}(R)$. \square

7. Simplified bases on injectives

Now we will investigate the Gabriel–Zariski topology on inj_R . If R is right coherent then, since $\mathcal{A}(R) = \text{mod-}R$, it coincides with that which has, for a basis of open sets, those of the form $[K] = \{E \in \text{inj}_R : (K, E) = 0\}$ with $K \in \mathcal{A}(R)$. In general, however, these two topologies – the Gabriel–Zariski topology and that defined by the $[K] \in \mathcal{A}(R)$ may differ, see the example of Puninski at [7, p. 402].

In this section we take R to be a ring but few changes would be required if it were a small preadditive category. We recall that every functor in $\text{Ab}(R)$ has the form F_ϕ/F_ψ for some pp conditions with $\psi \leq \phi \leq (R, -)^n$ for some n . Every finitely generated (hence finitely presented since $\text{Ab}(R)$ is locally coherent) subfunctor of $(R, -)^n$ has the form F_ϕ for some pp ϕ and we denote by $D\phi$ the pp condition such that the inclusion of $F_{D\phi}$ in $(R, -)$ is the kernel of $d(F_\phi \rightarrow (R, -)^n) = (R, -)^n \rightarrow dF_\phi$. For each n , D is a duality between the lattice of finitely generated subfunctors of $(R, -)^n$ and those of $(R, -)^n$. There is, moreover, an explicit recipe for computing $D\phi$ from ϕ (see for instance [27, Section 1.3.1]).

Since every finitely presented functor F has the form F_ϕ/F_ψ , an alternative form of the standard basis for the rep-Zariski topology is $[\phi/\psi] = \{N \in \text{pinj}_R : \phi(N) = \psi(N)\}$ as $\phi > \psi$ ranges over pairs of pp conditions. Thus the restriction of the rep-Zariski topology to inj_R has a basis of open sets of the form $[\phi/\psi] \cap \text{inj}_R$. We show that over right coherent rings this simplifies: that basic open sets of the form $[\phi]$ (that is $[\phi(\bar{x})/\bar{x} = 0]$) suffice. We will actually phrase things in terms of the Ziegler topology, which has for a basis of open sets the complementary sets $(\phi/\psi) = \{N \in \text{pinj}_R : \phi(N) > \psi(N)\}$. We need the following result.

Proposition 7.1 ([29, 1.3]). *Let E_R be an absolutely pure (for instance an injective) module and let ϕ be any pp condition. Then $\phi(E) = \text{ann}_E D\phi(RR)$.*

If ϕ has more than one free variable then annihilation for tuples of the same length is interpreted by $\bar{a}\bar{r} = 0$ meaning $\sum a_i r_i = 0$.

Corollary 7.2. *Let $E \in \text{inj}_R$ and let ϕ be a pp condition. Then $(\phi) \cap \text{inj}_R = \{E \in \text{inj}_R : \text{ann}_E D\phi(RR) \neq 0\} = \{E \in \text{inj}_R : (R/D\phi(RR), E) \neq 0\}$.*

Proof. We simplify by using the fact that, to have a basis, it is enough to take ϕ and ψ to be conditions with one free variable (i.e. to take subfunctors of $(R, -)$ rather than general $(R, -)^n$). The statement does, however, hold in general in the form given.

The first equality is immediate. For the second note that any pp-definable subgroup of ${}_R R$ is a right ideal, so the condition makes sense and then note that, if $f : R \rightarrow E$ is non-zero and has kernel containing $D\phi(R)$ then the image of 1 will be a non-zero element with annihilator containing $D\phi(R)$, hence by the proposition will be an element of $\phi(E)$ and, conversely, any element which annihilates $D\phi(R)$ will induce such a morphism. \square

Theorem 7.3. *Let R be any ring and let $\phi \geq \psi$ be pp conditions (for right modules). Then $(\phi/\psi) \cap \text{inj}_R$ is a union of sets of the form $(\phi') \cap \text{inj}_R$, more precisely equals $\bigcup \{(\phi_r) \cap \text{inj}_R : r \in D\psi(RR) \setminus D\phi(RR)\}$ where $\phi_r(\bar{x})$ is the condition $\exists \bar{u} (\phi(\bar{u}) \wedge \bar{x} = \bar{u}r)$ (hence which is the functor $M \mapsto \phi(M) \cdot r$).*

Proof. By the previous result we have $(\phi/\psi) \cap \text{inj}_R = \{E : \text{ann}_E D\phi(RR) > \text{ann}_E D\psi(RR)\}$ (the inclusion $\psi \leq \phi$ gives $D\phi \leq D\psi$ hence the inclusion $\text{ann}_M D\phi(RR) \geq \text{ann}_M D\psi(RR)$ for any right module M).

Suppose that $E \in (\phi/\psi) \cap \text{inj}_R$ and choose $a \in \text{ann}_E D\phi(RR) \setminus \text{ann}_E D\psi(RR)$ and then choose $r \in \text{ann}_E D\psi(RR)$ such that $ar \neq 0$. If $s \in (D\phi(R) : r) = \{t : tr \in D\phi(R)\}$ then we have $ar \cdot s = a \cdot rs = 0$ and so $ar \in \text{ann}_E (D\phi(R) : r)$. Then note that $(D\phi(R) : r)$ is a pp-definable subgroup of ${}_R R$, namely it is definable by the pp condition $D\phi(ry)$ and hence has the form $D\phi_r(RR)$ for some pp condition ϕ_r , the exact form of which we check at the end of this proof.

For the converse, suppose that E is such that $\text{ann}_E (D\phi(R) : r) \neq 0$ for some $r \in \psi(RR) \setminus \phi(RR)$, say $a \in E$ is non-zero, annihilates $D\phi(R)$ but $ar \neq 0$. Let $I = \text{ann}_R(a)$. Then $aR \simeq (rR+I)/I$, which is a homomorphic image of $(rR+D\phi(R))/D\phi(R)$. Since $aR \leq E$, which is injective, that isomorphism extends to a morphism, f say, from R/I to E . Then if $a' = f(1+I)$ we have $a'I = 0$ so $a'D\phi(R) = 0$ and $a'r = f(r) = ar \neq 0$. Thus $a' \in \text{ann}_E D\phi(RR) \setminus \text{ann}_E D\psi(RR)$ and $E \in (\phi/\psi) \cap \text{inj}_R$, as required.

That proves the first statement and, to get the second part, we just need to compute $D\phi_r(RR)$. Say $\phi(\bar{x})$ (we drop the simplifying assumption that there is just one free variable) is the condition $\exists \bar{y} (\bar{x}H = \bar{y}K)$, that is, $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} & \bar{y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H \\ -K \end{pmatrix} = 0$ for some matrices H, K with entries in R . The recipe for elementary duality D gives that $D\phi(\bar{x})$ is the condition

$\exists \bar{z} \begin{pmatrix} I & H \\ 0 & -K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} = 0$ (I an identity matrix of appropriate size) so $D\phi(r\bar{z})$ is the condition $\exists \bar{z} \begin{pmatrix} rI & H \\ 0 & -K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} = 0$.

Then the dual of this, that is, what we have denoted as ϕ_r , is the pp condition $\exists \bar{y} \bar{u} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ rI & H \\ 0 & -K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{u} \\ \bar{y} \end{pmatrix} = 0$, that is

$\exists \bar{y} \bar{u} (\bar{x} = \bar{u}r \wedge \bar{u}H = \bar{y}K)$ which is $\exists \bar{u} (\phi(\bar{u}) \wedge \bar{x} = \bar{u}r)$, as stated. \square

If R is right coherent then inj_R is a closed subset of pinj_R (which is compact) so, since each basic open set (ϕ/ψ) is compact (this is true over any ring), so is each relatively open set $(\phi/\psi) \cap \text{inj}_R$. Therefore, for right coherent rings, the union given in the theorem reduces to a finite one: this is elimination of imaginaries for injectives over right coherent rings. It also shows that in this case the Gabriel–Zariski topology on inj_R has a basis of open sets of the form $[\phi]$.

Corollary 7.4. *For any ring R the Ziegler topology on inj_R has a basis of open sets of the form $(R/I) = \{E \in \text{inj}_R : (R/I, E) \neq 0\}$ where I ranges over the right ideals of the form $\eta({}_R R)$ where η is a pp condition for left R -modules, that is over right ideals I such that the inclusion of I into R is in the category $\mathcal{A}(R)$.*

Proposition 7.5. *For any ring R the Ziegler topology on inj_R has a basis of open sets of the form $(K) = \{E \in \text{inj}_R : (K, E) \neq 0\}$ where K ranges over objects of the category $\mathcal{A}(R)$. Indeed if $K = FR$ with $F \in \text{Ab}(R)$ then $(K) = (dF) \cap \text{inj}_R$. If R is right coherent then the sets $[K] = \{E \in \text{inj}_R : (K, E) = 0\}$ form a basis of open subsets of the Gabriel–Zariski topology on inj_R .*

Proof. Say $K = F_{D\psi}/F_{D\phi}(R)$ where $\psi \leq \phi \leq (R, -)^n$ in $\text{Ab}(R^{\text{op}})$. If $E \in \text{inj}_R$ and if f is a non-zero morphism from K to E then, by injectivity, there is a non-zero morphism f' , extending f , from $R^n/D\phi(R)$ to E . Then $a = f'1 \in \text{ann}_E D\phi(R) = \phi(E)$ and if also $a \in \text{ann}_E D\psi(R)$ then the kernel of f' would contain $D\psi(R)$, contradicting that f' extends f (and that $f \neq 0$). Conversely, if $E \in (\phi/\psi)$ then $a \in \text{ann}_E D\phi(R) \setminus \text{ann}_E D\psi(R)$ gives that the map $R \rightarrow E$ taking 1 to a factors through $R/D\phi(R)$ and not through $D\psi(R)$. Thus there is a non-zero morphism from K to E . Thus $(K) = (\phi/\psi) \cap \text{inj}_R$. \square

For general rings, however, the Gabriel–Zariski topology will have open sets of the form $[\phi/\psi]$ which might be an infinite intersection of sets of the form $[K]$. That is, as mentioned at the beginning of this section, the Gabriel–Zariski topology might be finer than that defined by $\mathcal{A}(R)$.

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